

FOCUS ON: TSUNAMI RELIEF

# OPERATION UNIFIED ASSISTANCE

**U**nder the direction of the U.S. Pacific Command and the Combined Support Force, more than 13,000 U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, Army, Air Force and Coast Guard service members provided humanitarian assistance to millions of people affected by the tsunami that swept Southeast Asia on 26 December 2004. Alongside other federal and international agencies, governments of Thailand, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, and other nations affected by the disaster, the Navy/ Marine Corps team played an integral role in the Department of Defense's intensive humanitarian effort.



**"I WANTED TO MAKE SURE I HELPED ANY WAY I COULD. I WISH I COULD DO MORE. THIS MAY BE [SMALL TO SOME] PEOPLE... BUT FOR THE VICTIMS THIS COULD BE LIFE OR DEATH."**

*- Petty Officer 1st Class (SV)  
Hugo Wong-Chung, USS Bonhomme Richard*





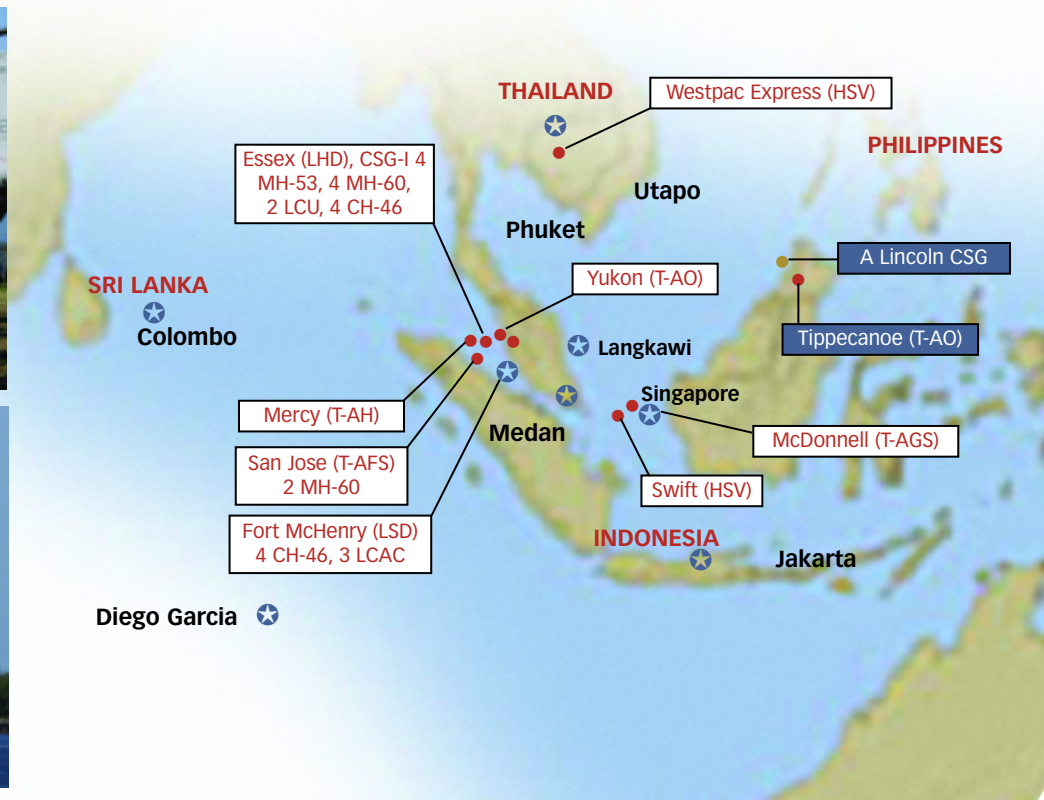
# "WE ARE WARRIORS, BUT WE ARE WARRIORS WITH HEART."

-Capt. J. Scott Jones, Commanding Officer, USS Bonhomme Richard



**"THE GREATEST  
THING IS SEEING ALL  
THE SMILING FACES.  
I'VE NEVER HAD MORE  
JOB SATISFACTION  
THAN WHAT I HAVE  
RIGHT NOW."**

- Lt.j.g. Rachael Brainard, H-60 pilot  
aboard USS Abraham Lincoln



Since the U.S. military began providing assistance, 1,800 relief missions have been flown, some 2,200 medical patients treated, and 4,000 tons of supplies have been delivered.

Six ships from Military Sealift Command loaded with stocks of food, fresh water, equipment, and other relief supplies arrived in the region on January 5, 2005, only ten days after the tsunami.

More than 400 Seabees deployed to region to provide a variety of disaster recovery efforts.